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SUBJECT: GOI DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT SCREENING COMMITTEE

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1. THE GOI DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DST) JUST
INFORMALLY TOLD S AND T COUNSELOR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS
APPROVED THE FORMATION OF A DST RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
SCREENING COMMITTEE.

2. ALTHOUGH THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS COMMITTEE ARE NOT CLEARLY
SPELLED OUT IN ANY PAPER AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY, WE EXPECT IT
WILL INVESTIGATE (USING EXPERT PANELS FOR ADVICE) AND APPROVE
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OR DISAPPROVE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROPOSALS

(INCLUDING THOSE UNDER THE US SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY RESEARCH PROGRAM) TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THOSE ENTITIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DST SUCH AS: THE SURVEY OF INDIA, NATIONAL ATLAS ORGANIZATION, BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA BOSE INSTITUTE, RAMAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BIRBAL SAHNI INSTITUTE OF PALEOBOTANY, WADIA INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN GEOLOGY, AND THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE MAHARASHTRA ASSOCIATION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF SCIENCE.

3. WE ALSO EXPECT THE DST SCREENING COMMITTEE TO EXERT A COORDINATING AND POLICY GUIDANCE FUNCTION. NOTE THE TYPES OF MEMBERS:

4. CHAIRMAN - THE SECRETARY OF THE DST DR. A. RAMACHANDRAN; ONE MEMBER EACH APPOINTED BY THE MINISTRIES OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DEFENCE, HOME, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FINANCE, AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, THE DIRECTOR OF ONE OF THE FIVE INDIAN INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (EACH IN THEIR TURN), THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DR. NAYUDAMMA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY DR. QASIM, AND "TWO EMINENT SCIENTISTS" DR. B D NAG CHAUDHURI (VICE CHANCELLOR OF NEHRU UNIVERSITY) AND DR. R C MEHROTRA (VICE CHANCELLOR OF DELHI UNIVERSITY).SAXBE

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